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REVERSE CIRCULATION DIRECTIONAL AND HORIZONTAL DRILLING

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Honorable Commissioner for Patents

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Dear Sir:

RESPONSE

Filed with a Request For a One Month Extension, this is responsive to the Office Action of July 5, 2006. Reconsideration and allowance of the present application are respectfully requested and are believed to be appropriate in view of the following amendments and remarks: